

judges if the district has more than one county judge, and shall serve at the pleasure of the county judge or judges, subject to personnel rules adopted by the Supreme Court." In looking at the committee statement on LB 529, it says they will be appointed and serve at the pleasure of the Supreme Court. Now, being a layman, I would think that the county judges would have a better knowledge of the people within their county to serve as county judges or, as the bill proposes to call them, magistrates. I see this as a matter of giving the Supreme Court more work and how will the Supreme Court go about deciding who will be appointed magistrates? Are we changing that or not? The committee statement says you are and I would like to know what the Supreme Court's reason is for wanting to take the power to appoint these people away from county judges and give it to the Supreme Court judges.

SENATOR HOAGLAND: Senator Higgins, just a second.

SENATOR HIGGINS: Okay. Mr. Speaker, this doesn't count on my time while he is looking up the answer, does it?

SPEAKER NICHOL: What doesn't?

SENATOR HIGGINS: Senator Hoagland is looking up the answer to my question. Does it go against my five minutes?

SPEAKER NICHOL: Yes, you asked him a question, didn't you? Yeah, it counts.

SENATOR HIGGINS: Okay.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Maybe we can encourage him to hurry up.

SENATOR HIGGINS: No, but I will guarantee you the next time somebody asks me a question, I am going to take five minutes before I come up with the answer.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Well, our rules just do run on.

SENATOR HIGGINS: You are going to give a little on this.

SPEAKER NICHOL: You can go again if you don't get said what you want.

SENATOR HIGGINS: Okay. I guess I think he is sincerely